cases of the Tatas it was delivered in their premises according to the terms of the agreement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Are they to accept all the logs without rejecting any.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*.—They have to accept all of them.

M. V. Joseph—appointment of—particulars regarding.

175. Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri Town-South)*.—

(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the date of commencement of the vacancy to which one M. V. Joseph, B. A., No. 1 in the list of officiating appointments made on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board published on page 1763 of the Cochin Government Gazette dated 2nd Karkadagam 1112 was appointed;

(b) what is the duration of the vacancy and the date of report of the vacancy;

(c) what is his period of service and whether he has any special qualification?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—

(a) 25th Karkadagam 1112.

(b) Eight months and 7 days; 23rd June 1937 (9th Mithunam 1112).

(c) One month and 27 days. No.

M. M. Joseph—appointment of—particulars regarding.

176. Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri Town-South)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date of commencement of the vacancy to which one M. M. Joseph, B. A., No. 9 in the list referred to in Question No. 175 (a)(above) was appointed;

(d) what is the duration of the vacancy and the date of report of the vacancy;

(c) what is his period of service and whether he has any special qualification;

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(d) whether he had occasion to join duty owing to the expiry of the vacancy to which he was appointed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) 15--10—12.

(b) One month and 17 days;

28— 6—37.

14—11—12.

(c) 8 months and 6 days. He has passed Revenue test.

(d) He subsequently reported that he could not join duty owing to the expiry of the vacancy.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancherri South).*—Sir, I may be permitted to put supplementary questions on the next question also along with this.

Mr. President.—Yes.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South*).—Is there any delay in making the report so far as the vacancies are concerned from the various departments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Sometimes there is.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South*).—May I know in this particular case whether there was any delay in making the report because we find from question No. 176 that when the incumbent went there was no appointment available?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—In this particular case there was a delay. But the leave itself was granted only subsequently and the vacancy was reported after that. This candidate, because he could not join duty, was given the first chance next time.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South*).—From question No. 175 it is clear that the vacancy arose from 25—12—1112. From the answer to 176 we find that the vacancy was from 15—10—12. Therefore was the first candidate given a post in the order of the vacancy which arose earlier, i. e. M. V. Joseph should have been appointed in the vacancy that arose from 15—10—12, but he was given the post which was vacant from 25—12—12; though in the list of official appointments he came first. Therefore should not the first vacancy have gone to him.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—They belong to different communities. One was a Jacobite and the other was a Romo Syrian.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—So far as the rotation is concerned should not the first vacancy be given to the Romo Syrian.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There is no such rule.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—So therefore any vacancy can be given to him, short or long.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—So far as these appointments are concerned Government have divided the appointments into two divisions, one below Rs. 40 and the second above Rs. 40. For purposes of meeting out equal justice to all communities as far as possible, the Staff Selection Board has made three sub-divisions, appointments above Rs. 25 and below Rs. 40, between Rs. 20 and 25 and below Rs. 20. Vacancies are divided into these three classes. We ascertain the number of posts to be given to each community and apportion these equally in all these grades. In this particular case I remember there were two posts to be given to the Romo Syrians. One of longer duration was therefore given to a Romo Syrian. The Jacobite had only one appointment and so was given one of a short duration. Wherever a community has to get more posts, then one longer vacancy is given. All these things are taken into consideration in making these appointments. The vacancies are of different duration. It will be difficult to meticulously consider the length of the vacancy also and make the distribution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether you have not answered that in making appointments the period of acting service of members belonging to one and the same community will be taken into consideration?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes. These two gentlemen belong to different communities.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Is it not a matter of common occurrence that candidates are not able to join duty because the period of vacancy closes before they join?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It is not a matter of common occurrence. Sometimes it so

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happens. These cases are taken into consideration when filling up vacancies next time.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—I think a rotation as per communities is prepared. Then there will be a list of vacancies. Then the first member in the rotation list will be given the first vacancy and so on. Is it not like that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—Then what is the discretion that the Board uses in such matters.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There is no fixed rule. But the board considers the claims of the members of various communities and try to make the distribution equal as far as possible.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Do you maintain a waiting list of names?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

177. Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the list published is in accordance with the rotation of communities;

(b) if No. 9 referred to in question No. 176 (a) could not join duty has not 'Other Christians' lost one turn;

(c) if so, is not a re-arrangement of appointments necessary to give due representation to 'Other Christians'?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) No, because this turn was subsequently satisfied.

(c) Does not arise.

Staff Selection Board—applicants from Depressed Classes—particulars regarding.

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